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SUPPLEMENT TO THE [REDACTED] DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 009-7416. LAOS: PRISONER
RELEASE ON 29 AUGUST THE VIENTIANE SIDE AND PATHET LAO (PL) REPRESENTATIVES
CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE REPATRIATION OF SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS CAPTURED
DURING THE WAR. THE EXCHANGE, NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN BY 19 SEPTEMBER, MAY BE
DELAYED EVEN FURTHER SINCE DETAILED PROCEDURES HAVE YET TO BE DISCUSSED AND
COORDINATED. FORTY-EIGHT HOURS BEFORE THE EXCHANGE, EACH SIDE IS REQUIRED TO
PROVIDE THE OTHER WITH THE NUMBER OF CAPTIVES HELD. IDENTIFICATION OF THE
PRISONERS, HOWEVER, CAN APPARENTLY BE DELAYED UNTIL THEIR ACTUAL RELEASE. THE
INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION IN LAOS AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL BE
INVITED TO OBSERVE THE PRISONER EXCHANGES. LAO, THAI, NORTH VIETNAMESE, AND AT
LEAST ONE AMERICAN, CIVILIAN PILOT EMMET KAY, ARE EXPECTED TO BE FREED.
EXCHANGES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT FOUR SITES. THE TRANSACTIONS AT THREE PLACES ARE
TO BE COMPLETED AT ONE TIME. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PRISONERS WILL PROBABLY BE
TRADED AT PHONG SAVAN ON THE PLAINE DES JARRES, WHERE MULTIPLE EXCHANGES WILL
PROBABLY BE NECESSARY. ~~SECRET NOFORN~~ / CONTROLLED DISSEM XGDS-2 #3852

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